

App. No. 10/772,715
Office Action Dated April 6, 2005

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows. No new matter has been added.

Paragraph at page 4, lines 20-32.

(Currently Amended) The content of zinc oxide required to suppress the formation of nickel sulfide particles in a glass composition increases as the content of total iron oxide is decreased when the content of the total iron oxide in the glass is in the range of 0.006 0.005 to 0.060 wt. %. Since zinc oxide materials are costly compared with other raw materials, it would be cost effective to use zinc oxide in the least possible amount required to suppress the formation of nickel sulfide particles. Therefore, in manufacturing soda-lime glasses successively, when the content of total iron oxide in a glass composition is decreased over time, preferably, the content of zinc in the glass composition is increased accordingly within the range of 0.006 to 0.50 wt. % (60 to 5,000 ppm). Conversely, when the content of the total iron oxide in the glass composition is increased over time, preferably, the content of zinc in the glass composition is decreased accordingly in the above range.